

April 18th is Tax Day, and it's approaching quickly. Preparing your taxes can be confusing, but you don't have to tackle it alone. Below you'll find advice and links from Congressman Quigley to help you make sense of tax season.

## **Simple Filing**

The form to file your federal individual return can be found at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## **Tax Credits**

The City of Chicago helps eligible residents file for a federal [Earned Income Tax Credit](#). Many constituents owe less in taxes than credits earned, meaning they may get a refund check from the IRS. Even if you don't owe income tax, you may be eligible for the credit and cash. In 2010, the City's assistance sites returned \$35 million in refunds to more than 20,000 families.

## **Tax Assistance**

Families earning less than \$50,000 and individuals earning less than \$25,000 can get free tax preparation assistance from professionally-trained volunteers at 26 sites in Chicago and 13 in the suburbs. Residents should bring all current [W2](#) and [1099](#) forms, Social Security cards for all members of your household, a copy of your last recent tax return, and a photo ID. In Chicago, call 311 to find locations near you. In the suburbs, call 312-409-1555 or 312-630-0273.

## **Refund Assistance**

You can see the status of your federal refund [here](#) . Typically, you'll be able to get information about your refund 72 hours after the IRS receives your electronically-filed return or in three to four weeks if you filed a paper return. Customer service representatives are also available by calling 1-800-829-1040.

### **Need an Extension?**

If you are not able to file your federal individual income tax return on time, you may be able to get an automatic 6-month extension by filling out this [IRS form](#) .

Have more questions? The [Internal Revenue Service](#) provides resources and FAQ's, or feel free to call my office at 773-267-5926. For information about State of Illinois returns, visit the [Illinois Department of Revenue](#) .